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For reading: June 24, 2003

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2003-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSING HATE CRIMES AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF ANCHORAGE TO STAND PEACEFULLY UNITED IN THE FACE OF A DIFFERENT KIND OF TERRORISM AND TO ASSURE THAT ANCHORAGE CONTINUES TO BE A HATE FREE ZONE

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that the Reverend Fred Phelps, members of his family, and followers from his church in Kansas will be picketing the 2003 PrideFest Parade, various community churches, and City Hall on June 28 - 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Phelps is a professional who has taken part in, and/or organized, 20,000 of these protests, spends \$250,000 a year on airline tickets, and is skilled in inciting people into responding both verbally and violently; and

WHEREAS, the group attempts to vilify homosexuals and the United States of America while exploiting National and Worldwide tragedies such as the 9-11 terrorist attack, the Columbia space shuttle explosion, and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, hateful words are a form of violence and this type of hate-mongering can only be defined as a different kind of terrorism in that it attempts to control how we treat our neighbors and assures that some are treated with hatred.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That this body strongly opposes any type of hate crime: verbal, physical, or any other forms of expression; and the Assembly requests the support of the citizens of Anchorage to assure that our city continues to be a hate-free zone where all citizens are treated with respect and dignity.

Section 2: That the citizens of Anchorage are encouraged to support local events, churches, and city government in standing peacefully united in the face of a different kind of terrorism.

Section 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2002.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

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	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Water & Wastewater Utility		
	Municipal Manager		
	Cultural & Recreational Services		
	Employee Relations		
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer		
	Fire		
	Health & Human Services		
	Office of Management and Budget		
	Management Information Services		
	Police		
	Planning, Development & Public Works		
	Development Services		
	Facility Management		
	Planning		
	Project Management & Engineering		
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